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To Keep the Peace

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"Peace can only be kept by those strong enough to keep it."

In that sentence, Sen. Barry Goldwater summed up what should be the backbone of the only U.S. foreign policy that can prevent the loss of freedom.

Ironically, while President Johnson is piously protesting that foreign policy should not be an issue, vicious television advertisements paid for by the Democrat National Committee are equating the election of Sen. Goldwater with nuclear conflict.

But Sen. Goldwater is sticking to his early pledge to make foreign policy an issue. And he should. The administration has become a master at hiding the truth behind complex and vague pronouncements by unidentified "spokesmen" for the government.

For example, a "top secret" report issued by the Central Intelligence Agency, written by Willard Matthias of the CIA Board of National Estimates, was discovered by a vigilant newspaper man. The Matthias report is frightening in its blanket acceptance of the theory that U.S. foreign policy is and must continue to be a "holding" operation. The prospects for real peace under such a policy, the same policy being followed by the administration, are demoralizing.

Victory in Viet Nam is just about written off.

Even the Matthias report states that "deterrence of war depends on the enemy's knowledge of the determination and will power of his opponent."

This is exactly what Barry Goldwa-

ter has been saying in his hard-hitting speeches on foreign policy. Throughout history, nations which have maintained their defenses and made clear their will to defend freedom, have deterred aggression and thereby preserved the peace. But once a nation lets down its guard, begins to disarm, and attempts to arrive at "accommodations" with an enemy, peace is quickly lost.

Sen. Goldwater knows that "phasing out manned bombers, and generally reducing U.S. military capability, only succeeds in convincing the enemy that we are too weak to defend ourselves, and we become "sitting ducks" for attack.

The U.S. showed weakness when it left brave Cubans to die in the 1961 Bay of Pigs crisis. But the temporary show of American strength in the 1962 Cuban missile crisis is a classic example of how firmness deters war. Our resolve in striking back when the Communist Viet Cong attacked American ships in the Bay of Tonkin has been diluted by our apparent lack of determination to win the war against Communists in Viet Nam.

Thus, we know that weakness, vacillation, and indecision are invitations to Communist advances against freedom everywhere in the world. The policies being followed by the Johnson administration are more dangerous to peace than those policies the Democrats now viciously attack as "war mongering." Under a Goldwater administration, we believe, a firm determination that the U.S. will keep its defense strong and will not accept Communist aggression against freedom is the best insurance against nuclear disaster.